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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT: WATER RESOURCES TEAM

1. WATER RESOURCES TEAM COMPLETED ITS SURVEY DEC 11 AND
WILL DEPART BAHRAIN DEC. 12, ONE MEMBER FOR WORK IN THAILAND
AND OTHER TO BOSTON VIA WASHINGTON FOR DEBRIEFING IN AID/W.

2. TEAM PRESENTED SUMMARY OF ITS FINDING DEC. 11 TO MINISTER
OF DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE,
MINISTER OF WORKS, ELECTRICITY AND WATER, AND THEIR SENIOR
STAFFS. AMBASSADOR ALSO ATTENDED. MINISTER AND STAFF MEMBERS
CLEARLY IMPRESSED BY TEAM'S PROFESSIONALISM AND WORKING
RELATIONS BETWEEN TEAM AND MINISTRY STAFFERS OBVIOUSLY CLOSE AND
LUBKE PROVED TO BE BEST TYPE OF ADVISORS: SELF-STARTING,
ENTHUSIASTIC, FLEXIBLE ABOUT THEIR PERSONAL LOGISTICS, AND
OF COURSE HIGHLY QUALIFIED.

3. WHILE DETAILS OF THEIR REPORT MUST AWAIT ITS SUBMISSION.
TWO RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOTEWORTHY: THAT THERE IS NEED FOR
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WATER RESOURCES TEAM HERE FOR LONGER PERIOD AND THAT GOB

SHOULD COORDINATE ITS FUTURE STUDY OF WATER RESOURCES WITH
SAUDI ARABIA SINCE. GROUND WATER TABLE IN BAHRAIN IS PART OF
THAT WHICH UNDERLIES SAUDI ARABIA'S EASTERN PROVINCE. IN
LATTER CONNECTION, TEAM DID MENTION PRESENCE IN SAUDI ARABIA
OF USGS WATER TEAM AND THIS COULD STIMULATE BAHRAIN INTEREST
IN USGS. CLUVERTUS

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